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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE - SUMMARY OF 62ND MEETING,
DECEMBER 22, 1976

1. SUMMARY: AT ITS 62ND AND FINAL MEETING DECEMBER 22, FIFTH COMMITTEE APPROVED SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS OF $38,119,100 FOR 1976-77 PROGRAM BUDGET, BY VOTE OF 71-10(EE'S)-1(US), OFFSET BY INCOME OF $8,595,000. END SUMMARY

2. COMMITTEE ADOPTED PROCEDURE TO PERMIT SEPARATE VOTES ON EACH SECTION OF EXPENDITURES IN THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-77. RESULTS WERE AS INDICATED BELOW:

SECTION 1 - OVERALL POLICY-MAKING, DIRECTION, AND COORDINATION. PROPOSED INCREASE - $514,100. VOTE :70-10-1(US)
SECTION 2 - POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS; PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES. PROPOSED INCREASE: $5,355,800. VOTE: 70-9-1(US).
SECTION 3 - POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TRUSTEESHIP AND DECOLONIZATION ACTIVITIES. PROPOSED INCREASE $103,000. VOTE: 71-10-1(US).
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SECTION 4. POLICY-MAKING ORGANS (ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES). PROPOSED INCREASE $1,647,900. VOTE: 70(US)-10-1
SECTION 5A. DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, PROPOSED INCREASE $213,600. VOTE 82(US)-0-0.
SECTION 5B. UNITED NATIONS CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. PROPOSED INCREASE $1,778,300, VOTE: 59-10-13(US)

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SECTION 6. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, PROPOSED INCREASE $346,300, VOTE: 74(US)-9-0.
SECTION 7. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, PROPOSED DECREASE $240,400, VOTE: APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.
SECTION 8. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA, PROPOSED INCREASE $356,900, VOTE: 71(US)-9-1.
SECTION 9. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA, PROPOSED INCREASE $732,900, VOTE: 70(US)-10-0.
SECTION 10. ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA, PROPOSED INCREASE $1,151,400, VOTE: 70(US)-9-0.
SECTION 11. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVEL-OPMENT, PROPOSED INCREASE $3,237,400, VOTE 64-10(US)-28.
SECTION 12. UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, PROPOSED INCREASE $930,100, VOTE: 72(US)-9-0.
SECTION 13A. UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, PROPOSED DECREASE $31,000, VOTE: APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.
SECTION 13B. HABITAT: UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, PROPOSED DECREASE $45,000, VOTE: APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.
SECTION 14. INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL, PROPOSED INCREASE $44,800, VOTE: 73(US)-10-0.
SECTION 15. REGULAR PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, NO CHANGE, NO VOTE.
SECTION 16. OFFICE OF UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR RUFUGEES, PROPOSED INCREASE, $436,800, VOTE: 73(US)-10-0.
SECTION 17. OFFICE OF THE UN DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR, PROPOSED DECREASE $12,000, VOTE: APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.
SECTION 18. HUMAN RIGHTS, PROPOSED INCREASE $478,400, VOTE: 72-11(US)-0.
SECTION 19. INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, PROPOSED
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DECREASE $49,400, VOTE: APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.
SECTION 20. LEGAL ACTIVITIES, PROPOSED INCREASE $164,500, VOTE: 73(US)-10-0.
SECTION 21. PUBLIC INFORMATION, PROPOSED DECREASE $378,300, VOTE: ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.
SECTION 22. ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL SERVICES, PROPOSED INCREASE $7,694,700; VOTE: 70-10-3(US).
SECTION 23. CONFERENCE AND LIBRARY SERVICES, PROPOSED INCREASE, $1,286,900; VOTE: 74(US)-10-0.
SECTION 24. UN BOND ISSUE, PROPOSED DECREASE $98,000, VOTE: 68(US)-12-3.
SECTION 25. STAFF ASSESSMENT, PROPOSED INCREASE $8,597,800; VOTE: 73(US)-11-0.
SECTION 26. CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, IMPROVEMENT AND MAJOR MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES, PROPOSED INCREASE $4,329,700; VOTE: 73(US)-10-1.

3. VOTE ON TOTAL EXPENDITURES WAS 71-10(EE'S)-2(US, BARBADOS).

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SOVIET BLOC VOTED AGAINST EVERY SECTIONAL INCREASE WITH ONLY ROMANIA SHIFTING OCCASIONALLY IN AND OUT OF THE QTE NO UNQTE COLUMN. SEVERAL WEO'S ABSTAINED WITH US ON SECTION 5B (CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS) AND SEVERAL ABSTAINED ON SECTION 12 (UNCTAD) WHERE US VOTED QTE NON UNQTE. OTHERWISE WITH ONE OR TWO MINOR EXCEPTIONS ALL WEO'S SUPPORTED EVERY SECTION. PORTUGAL, MEXICO, AND ARGENTINA ABSTAINED ON SECTION 24 (UN BOND ISSUE). TOTALS OF INCOME SECTION WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS. DRAFT RESOLUTION IV PART A (REVISED BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-77) WAS THEN ADOPTED 71-10(EE'S)-1(US).

4. IN EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, CHINA SAID THAT IT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE ON DRAFT RESOLUTION IV A BECAUSE IT CONTAINED SOME EXPENDITURES TO WHICH IT WAS OPPOSED. USSR STATED IT HAD VOTED AGAINST PART A BECAUSE IT DISAGREED WITH MID-BIENNIUM APPROPRIATIONS, WITH EXPENDITURES IT CONSIDERED VIOLATIVE OF THE CHARTER, AND THE USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEASURES. (USSR MADE SEPARATE EXPLANATION
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OF VOTE ON SECTION 24, UN BOND ISSUE, ARGUING THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE IN BUDGET AT ALL). FRG EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTIES IT HAD SUPPORTING THE PROGRAM BUDGET BECAUSE OF THE MID-BIENNIUM TIMING AND EXTRAORDINARY INCREASE. URGED THAT ITS YES VOTE NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD. SAID THERE SHOULD BE STRICT AND ECONOMICAL BUDGET LIMITEATION AND A VERY SEVERE LIMITATION ON BUDGETARY INCREASES IN 1978-79. JAPAN, EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN OVER THE SIZE OF THE UN BUDGET, WONDERED IF INDEED THE UN HAD AN ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL BUDGET. SAID NORTION OF ECONOMY AND SAVINGS, SO BASIC TO NATIONAL BUDGETS, SEEMED FOREIGN TO UN. ALSO CONCERNED BY INCREASING TREND OF OTHER BODIES TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT PREEMPTED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE. BELGIUM SUPPORTED FRG VIEWS.

5. PART B - DRAFT RESOLUTION IV (REVISED INCOME ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM 1976-77) WAS APPROVED 83(US)-0-0. PAR C-DRAFT RESOLUTION IV - FINANCING OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1977 WAS APPROVED 72-10(EE'S)-0. DRAFT RESOLUTION IV AS A WHOLE WAS APPROVED 72-10(EE'S)-1(US).

6. DRAFT REPORT OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE ON AGENDA ITEM 92 WAS THEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND COMMITTEE'S 1976 SESSION WAS BROUGHT TO AN END AFTER USUAL ROUND OF FLOWERY FAREWELL ORATIONS.
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